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# Property dispute turned ugly?

Couple's 21-year-old son arrested after home next door trashed: Sources

By **LINDSAY JONES**  
Metro Halifax

A 21-year-old man will appear in court today on charges of breaking and entering and mischief over \$5,000 for allegedly vandalizing a Herring Cove home at the centre of a court battle between neighbours.

Police arrested a man at about 9:20 a.m. on Saturday for breaking into Tom and Corrinne Dempsey's

home under construction at 1594 John Brackett Dr. earlier that morning, Halifax regional police Staff Sgt. Dave Reynolds said. "There was certainly more than enough evidence to make the arrest," he said.

Sources say the suspect under arrest is the son of a neighbouring couple who have recently been embroiled in a bitter court dispute with the Dempseys over the home's construction.

Reynolds said the suspect is being held at the Burnside jail and will appear in Halifax provincial court this morning. He said the accused could face jail time if convicted.

## keep-off order

» Corrinne Dempsey said her and her husband's relationship with the neighbours, both renowned whale researchers at Dalhousie University, became so tense that she obtained court orders to keep them off the property.

Corrinne Dempsey said she's grateful the arrest was made so swiftly.

"We feel safer because someone's been arrested. Are we happy about this? No," she said.

The owners of the vandalized

home woke up Saturday morning to find the windows smashed, the electrical panel doors ripped off, and the wiring, ductwork and plumbing destroyed. A can of liquid adhesive primer they described as "blue goo" had been poured into a shop vacuum, chainsaw, furnace, locksets, pipes and an air compressor.

"It's a very angry thing that they did," Dempsey said.

She said the damage, which is covered by insurance, would set back the work by several months.

An ongoing dispute with the neighbours over the proximity of the Dempsey's

three-storey, 3,000-square-foot home culminated last week. A Nova Scotia Supreme Court justice dismissed Hal Whitehead and Lindy Weilgart's appeal of a municipal decision to allow the Dempseys to build closer to the property line than normally permitted. The couple was ordered to pay \$5,000 in legal fees.

The phone number listed for the Whitehead and Weilgart residence was busy yesterday.

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## more coverage

» For more on the Herring Cove home vandalism, see page 3.

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### bouncing back



Dad says Liv 'doing great' after split from rocker

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Review supports jail guards' refusal to transfer inmates

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## Finland sets sights on Team Canada

Finland's Teemu Selanne, left, and Saku Koivu celebrate their team's second goal against the United States in the third period at the world hockey championship yesterday at the Metro Centre. Finland won the controversy-filled game 3-2 and plays Canada today at 4:30 p.m., with top seed for the Halifax quarter-finals on the line. For more IIHF coverage, see page 11.

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## local

Flying just got pricier: Air Canada announced it will add a fuel surcharge of up to \$60 each way on flights more than 16,000 kilometres to account for the rising cost of fuel.

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# Rain muddies Earth event

But event-goers undeterred from Mudder's Day

By PAUL MCLEOD  
Metro Halifax

Wind and rain weren't enough to keep people away from the Halifax Common yesterday to take part in Mudder's Day.

The Mudder's Day festival was designed to celebrate motherhood, as well as the Earth (hence the "mud" in the name) and the start of the growing season. But strong winds and at times heavy rain threatened to stop the festival before it began.

"We got here this morning and the wind was insane and



A steady stream of Haligonians celebrated Mudder's Day on the Common yesterday despite inclement weather.

the rain was insane," said organizer Elisabeth Oakham. "We thought, if nothing else, we'll just hang out and get to know each other a little better."

But while the weather limited the festival in size, people kept showing up to take part.

"Nobody's really letting the weather get them down," said Oakham. "The whole tagline

has been this is a "make your own" festival. That has really come out through the weather. We've had to improvise everything and make it our own."

Among the features were "the red tent" sponsored by the Midwifery Association of Nova Scotia, which provided a forum for people to talk about issues of birth and motherhood. There was a tent — known as a yurt — dedicated to discussing community design and urban planning. There was also a teepee for drumming, singing and telling stories.

The festival also featured information on growing and gardening, live music and free organic food.

Nicole Hill, 22, battled the weather to get to the festival

«(The weather) makes the whole thing better. Whenever you struggle for something you get more satisfaction out of it.»

Nicole Hill, 22

"It makes the whole thing better. Whenever you struggle for something you get more satisfaction out of it," Hill said.

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## Minister's SUV pegged as write-off

Community Services Minister Judy Streach may have to pay more for her damaged SUV than she bargained for.

A spokeswoman for the Department of Transportation said the 2008 Ford Escape hybrid is a write-off, CBC reported, after Streach's 17-year-old son Jordan crashed it May 3.

Streach told media last week she and her son would pay for the damages to the government-leased vehicle but Cathy MacIsaac with the Transportation Department said Friday the province will buy out the \$38,000 lease and the truck will be sold for its parts, CBC reported.

The minister, who came under a wave of controversy for letting her son to drive the government-leased vehicle to the corner store for ice cream, will then be responsible for paying the difference, which could add up to thousands of dollars more than she had planned.

MacIsaac said the department doesn't yet have a final figure.

Streach could not be reached for comment yesterday.

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## Workplace review backs jail guards

By ROBYN YOUNG  
Metro Halifax

A workplace inspection review completed by the Labour Department supports the refusal of some corrections officers in the province to do inmate transfers.

The Justice Department received the results of the review Friday and the report includes a list of 14 orders that the department will have to answer to by May 30.

"The most important one of all is that the department itself has upheld the right of our members to refuse (to do transfers) in saying that they believe there is reasonable cause to have concern for one's safety in facilitating the outside escorts," said Jim Gosse, president of the union representing corrections officers in the province.

Corrections officers at the Burnside jail and other facilities in the province have been

refusing to do inmate transfers since dangerous offender Jermaine Carvery escaped while being transferred for minor day surgery April 3.

The guards say they aren't properly trained or equipped to perform outside escorts and have been asking Justice

### by comparison

» The Labour Department's report confirmed that sheriffs — unlike correctional officers — have access to body armour, batons, pepper spray and handcuffs when escorting offenders in the community.  
» And officers in Ontario and New Brunswick doing outside escorts have access to intermediate weapons while Nova Scotia's correctional officers do not.

Minister Cecil Clarke to provide them with batons, pepper spray and Tasers. Gosse said the report orders the Justice Department to do more work looking into equipment used for transfers in other provinces, to remedy officers' lack of training and to ensure inmates' criminal histories are considered when assessing their risk level for outside escorts. The Justice Department said in a release the 14 compliance orders are being reviewed by staff and a response will be issued when the review is complete.

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## Stanley Cup Reflecting on NHL's stars



Mike Mansfield and his daughter Kylee, 6, check out the Stanley Cup at the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame yesterday. Hundreds of people lined up to get a glimpse of the NHL's top prize from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. The famed trophy was on display to the public for the day as part of IIHF World Championship festivities.

## » news In Brief

» **MISSING** Police are investigating a mysterious car crash where the driver of a flipped vehicle has gone missing. At around 7 a.m. yesterday near the 3400 block of Old Sambro Road, a pickup truck ran off the road and into a ditch, where it flipped on its

roof and caught fire. When the fire department arrived the vehicle had been abandoned with no sign of the driver or passengers. Police are investigating and say they hope to find whoever was in the vehicle to ensure they are uninjured.

» **ROBBERY** Two men were robbed at knife-point early Saturday morning in the 100 block of Maitland Street in Dartmouth. The men were approached by two other males at 2 a.m., one of whom brandished a knife and demanded money. One of the

victims was pushed to the ground and had his wallet taken. One suspect was described as a white male wearing a blue poncho-type sweater and a hat. There was no description of the other suspect.

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School bus service will return on Prince Edward Island today, Education Minister Gerard Greenan says. Last week, the province cancelled school bus service Thursday and Friday after severe corrosion was found in some older buses. The province has since completed inspection of the 76 school buses that were built before 1995. SOURCE: CBC.CA



## Boat seized to deflect controversy: Watson

The government seized the anti-sealing vessel Farley Mowat to draw attention away from the deaths of four seal hunters, claims seal hunt protester Paul Watson.

In April, armed RCMP officers seized the Farley Mowat and charged the top two crew members

with endangering seal hunters on nearby ice by coming too close to them. The seizure came shortly after four seal hunters died when their boat capsized while being towed.

Watson said the charges are untrue and the Farley Mowat was in international waters. He said Fisheries Min-

ister Loyola Hearn had the ship seized to deflect controversy over the government's role in the deaths.

"Absolutely that's what he's doing. They don't want the sealers hating the DFO or the Coast Guard, they want them hating us," Watson said.

The Farley Mowat currently sits in Sydney Harbour. The Sea Shepherd Society, which owns the Farley Mowat, has refused to pay the \$50,000 bond to release the ship because it claims the seizure was an act of piracy.

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### legal challenge

» Watson said the group will challenge the seizure in court to get their ship back. He also said they plan to sue the government for \$1,000 each day the ship is held.

# Budget backed

Liberals to support fiscal plan despite some reservations

By ROBYN YOUNG  
Metro Halifax

Cheaper gas for Nova Scotians isn't on the agenda as the government goes into its third week of sitting at the legislature, but Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil said his caucus will support the Tory budget nonetheless.

"When we looked at what was in it, we felt that it was warranted that we support this piece of legislation," he said yesterday, taking a break from cutting the grass at his Annapolis Valley home.

A major bone of contention for the Liberals since the

### most pleasing

» The decision McNeil was most pleased with though — which wasn't part of the original budget — was the health minister's announcement last week of \$400,000 for 10 additional medical school seats at Dalhousie University over the next two years and tuition support for those in the program.

budget was tabled two weeks ago has been the government's refusal to ease the high cost of fuel in the province by deregulating gas prices and/or cutting the provincial fuel tax.

"Everything we were looking for wasn't in this budget and that was one of them," McNeil said.

But, he said, he will continue to push for relief at the pumps and, in the meantime,

McNeil said his caucus will support Premier Rodney MacDonald's budget.

He said he was happy with several aspects of the document, including a heating rebate program for low-income Nova Scotians, a healthy living tax credit for everyone in the province and a public transit tax credit that will save transit riders about \$60 a year.

"With all of that in mind, we decided to support this budget," McNeil said.

McNeil said he announced his support of the budget Friday — almost a week before the actual vote, which takes place this Thursday — because he felt his party should be up front with Nova Scotians about where they stand.

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### health campaign

Atlantic provinces agree to co-operate

**MEETING** At the Council of Atlantic Premiers meeting in Fredericton last Friday, Premier Rodney MacDonald and the three other Atlantic premiers decided they will co-operate on a health and wellness campaign starting in the fall.

They also agreed they will ask the federal government to return to federal social housing contribution levels of \$2 billion annually; and they will continue to work together on the Atlantic gateway for increased economic growth in the region. The premiers were most optimistic though, about Newfoundland and Labrador's offshore oil riches and how the entire region will benefit from that province's great fortune.

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Tom Dempsey sits next to a smashed-out window at his house, which was vandalized early Saturday morning. Dempsey said friends and sub-contractors have been calling with offers of assistance to rebuild the house.

## Many offering help: Dempsey

By LINDSAY JONES  
Metro Halifax

Tom Dempsey, who is a contractor with roots in the community that go back 150 years, spent all his free time working on the house.

"He puts in hundreds of hours and someone takes an axe to it? It makes me want to puke," said his wife Cor-

rinne Dempsey, who's originally from Vancouver.

"We put every single cent into this house."

The vandalism hasn't deterred the couple from continuing to build though. Dempsey says sub-contractors and friends have been calling to offer work and rebuilding starts today.

"My husband has to re-

build. My husband has wanted this since he was a child," she said. "He always knew this land would be passed down."

The home is meant to house three generations, including the couple's children aged three and eight and Tom's parents who also live in the community.

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A woman tried to run off with a \$2,000 diamond ring from Charm Diamond in Scotia Square Mall Friday. The 20-year-old was trying on the ring when she fled. Security guards chased and caught her in the World Trade Centre. The ring was recovered and the woman faces theft charges.

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# School boards must know role

Calgary group works well after its 1999 dismissal

By RACHEL BOOMER  
Metro Halifax

Halifax can have a viable school board again if the people who run for it are encouraged to look at the big picture, says Calgary Board of Education chair Pat Cochrane.

"It really is, 'What are we here to do? Do we under-

stand what our role is?' It imposed discipline on the board; we imposed discipline on ourselves," Cochrane, in town for a Nova Scotia School Boards Association forum, said Friday.

Her advice for the next Halifax board? "Remember that you are a representative of your city. Not of just one small interest group, but of all the people who elected you."

In 1999, the Alberta education minister fired the en-

tire Calgary board after interpersonal and political conflicts made it impossible for the board to work together. If that sounds familiar, it should: In 2006, Education Minister Karen Casey axed the Halifax Regional School Board after months of divisive, embarrassing spats between members.

Last week, Casey chastised the Strait board after one member got into a verbal confrontation with an-



Cochrane

*"We're just regular folks. Being the voice of our community in our school system, I think that's a huge thing."*

Calgary Board of Education  
chair Pat Cochrane

other.

Unlike Halifax, Calgary held school board elections immediately, and that's when Cochrane was elected for the first time.

"(Back then), it was, 'I

don't know whether to congratulate you or commiserate with you," she laughed.

The board set out some rules of the kinds of things it wouldn't discuss, such as school operational issues that staff could handle. Instead, Cochrane said, it focused on issues like declining enrolment and improving test scores.

"We're just regular folks. Being the voice of our community in our school system,

I think that's a huge thing." Mary Delagardelle, head of the Iowa School Boards

Foundation, said part of the problem is the low voter turnout in school board elections.

She said Iowa board members found when they started talking about their work differently, voters focused less on candidates with pet issues and started thinking about the best overall candidates.

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Delagardelle

## Living wills get legislative weight

Tory bill would make health-care wishes binding

By RACHEL BOOMER  
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Imagine someone in your family suddenly had a massive stroke.

All of a sudden, on top of the bedside vigils, the worry and fear, you've got major decisions to make. Who will make decisions about that person's health care, where they will live, even what they will eat?

Dean Hirtle, director of legislative policy with the provincial Health Department, says roughly 30 to 40 per cent of families are thrown into chaos in these circumstances because they haven't talked about it beforehand.

The province introduced a new Personal Directives Act Friday meant to allow Nova Scotians to issue legally binding instructions on how they want to be cared for if they're medically incapacitated. You'd be able to tell your family how and where you want to live, whether you want all medical intervention possible or no

heroic measures taken.

It's the kind of information some people put into a "living will," a document designed to communicate your wishes if you're no longer able to do it

yourself. Living wills are usually recognized by health-care staff, but they're not legally binding, Hirtle said.

"Only in the hospital setting is it clearly highlighted," Hirtle said. Medical staff take living wills into account, he said, but the new law will give it legal weight.

### designate

» The act also allows people to designate the person they want making those decisions for them.

## fitness waterfront workout



Instructor Sarah-Jane Steele took advantage of the warm weather and led an impromptu yoga class on the Halifax waterfront Friday.

## Centennial Pool to get new roof

236 solar panels will save 40,000 litres of oil per year

By RACHEL BOOMER  
Metro Halifax

Now it's just a pool. Soon, Centennial Pool will become the largest solar-heating project in the province.

On Friday, the province announced it will pay almost half the \$567,000 cost to install 236 solar panels on the roof of Centennial Pool. The

city estimates that will save 40,000 litres of oil and reduce greenhouse gases by 100 tonnes per year.

Mayor Peter Kelly said the city will spend \$3 million in the next few years to maintain the 40-year-old pool.

The same fund, available to municipalities, will also pay about half of a proposed \$1.1-million green refit to Sackville Stadium. In part, the project will allow heat produced during ice-making to heat the pool. It will save \$145,000 per year on the facility's power bills.

### green savings

» Metro Transit's building is already undergoing a major refit, and will get just more than \$300,000 toward new lighting, better ventilation and a high-efficiency rooftop. This phase of the refit will cost nearly \$620,000, and will save \$70,000 a year in power bills.

Other green projects that received provincial funding were based in Yarmouth and New Glasgow.

### health care

## IWK asbestos free

**REOPENED** Operating rooms at the IWK Health Centre reopened this weekend after tests showed no sign of asbestos in the air, the hospital said in a press release.

Officials plan to keep testing the air at the hospital "to ensure continued air quality." Sixty-four elective surgeries were cancelled last week after asbestos was discovered in the ductwork on Wednesday afternoon.

LINDSAY JONES/METRO HALIFAX

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» **FIRE** A fire at Metro Transit's Alderney Terminal resulted in the suspension of ferry service between Halifax and Dartmouth Saturday afternoon. Metro Transit set up a shuttle between the two ferry terminals from about 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., said a worker at the municipality's customer service centre.

» **TICKET** A 15-year-old girl

was hit by a car and then given a traffic ticket on Saturday. The girl was hit in a Mumford Road crosswalk at 1:20 p.m. The girl was taken to the IWK by ambulance and suffered upper-body injuries that were non-life-threatening. She then received a ticket for failing to obey a "don't walk" signal.

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# canada

Iconic singer and songwriter Neil Young has had a new species of spider named after him. The biologist that discovered the new species named it *Myrmekiaphila neilyoungi*.

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## PM stalling on probes?

NAFTA-gate and Mulroney inquiries remain unlaunched

With MPs scheduled to head home soon for the summer,

opposition parties are accusing Prime Minister Stephen Harper of stalling on two high-profile investigations that could prove embarrassing or awkward for his government.

Harper is under increasing pressure to get to the bottom of the scandal over leaks on NAFTA and to move ahead with a public inquiry into the

Mulroney-Schreiber affair — a probe he promised in November.

The Prime Minister is taking much too long to investigate the leak from his office on Feb. 26 that led to American

complaints that Canada interfered in United States domestic affairs, says NDP Deputy House Leader Joe Comartin.

It has been nine weeks since Harper said the government would investigate this so-called NAFTA-gate

incident, which caused an uproar because it ultimately hurt Barack Obama's bid for the Democratic presidential nomination. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

### promise

» Harper first promised to launch a public inquiry of the Mulroney-Schreiber affair on Nov. 14

## Vancouver Spirit Pole carving



Lisa Ham, 29, carves part of the Cowichan 2008 Spirit Pole on Sunset Beach in Vancouver yesterday. The totem pole will visit 50 communities across B.C. prior to the start of the 2008 North American Indigenous Games in Lake Cowichan in August.

## Both sides digging in for mining fight

The mining industry has long operated out of sight, and mind. Not any more: Soaring prices for uranium, platinum and other minerals have touched off a claims-staking rush across much of Canada.

And under a century-old Mining Act, across Canada, the staking of claims on private and even public lands in secret is taking place and considered legal and crucial to the industry.

The race for resources has put the spotlight on the Act as natives and non-natives are uniting to protest to governments over a prospector's ability to essentially dig out from under homeowners without notice.

Industry officials warn mining would die without free entry. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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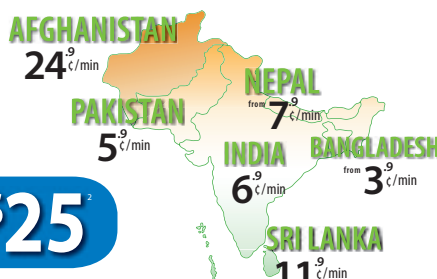
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# NDP voting to topple

Motion criticizing Tory economic plan unlikely to succeed



## strategic motion

» Critics say the NDP's confidence motion is aimed at the Liberals in a bid to once more embarrass Dion and highlight the refusal of Liberal MPs to defeat a Conservative government they regularly condemn.

Federal New Democrats will make a last-gasp bid today to topple the minority Conservatives, citing the country's growing "prosperity gap" as the reason Canadians should go to the polls.

But the political move is destined to fail, all but eliminating the chance of an election in the coming weeks and opening the door to a summer of campaigning by all

political leaders in preparation for a possible federal campaign this fall.

"This could be certainly one of our last opportunities, if not our last opportunity, to say we think that the Harper government is wrong," NDP Leader Jack Layton said.

The New Democrats' motion calls on the Commons to

acknowledge that the growing income gap is having a harmful effect on working and middle-income families.

And it says those woes have been "fostered by this government's unbalanced economic agenda, including its failure to reform employment insurance to ensure that people who lose their

jobs during economic downturns are protected and trained."

But Layton's push for an election will have to wait because like the other confidence votes this parliamentary session, the Liberals aren't ready to bring down the government. That means they won't support the NDP's election manoeuvring.

"We'll not trigger an election through an NDP motion," Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion said last week. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## » news

### In Brief



» **QUARANTINE** Lab exams confirmed over the weekend that there was no infectious disease outbreak on a cross-country train that was held in quarantine Friday in northern Ontario after a passenger aboard died. Health officials quarantined the train for 10 hours after other passengers displayed flu-like symptoms.

REUTERS

## Immigration report released

### Draws on Aussie success story

An Australian-style system for selecting skilled immigrants that includes mandatory English testing and credential assessments could be the answer to Canada's classic newcomer conun-

drum: the doctor who ends up driving a cab. Or so a new study suggests. Based on census data, Lesleyanne Hawthorne, a renowned migration policy researcher from the University of Melbourne, found that about 65 per cent of migrants with a university degree who ar-

rived between 1996 and 2001 had jobs within six months in both countries. By 2005, employment rates for Australia's skilled immigrants shot up to 83 per cent. The report is being released while Ottawa is looking at controversial immigration system changes. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Ottawa Hop to it



TIM WIELANSKI/METRO OTTAWA

James Barton performs a side-hop while practicing at the Ottawa Bike Trials yesterday afternoon. Winners of the trials, held across the country, qualify to compete in international events held in Quebec and B.C. each year.

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# world



About 1,800 people stripped naked yesterday for U.S. photographer Spencer Tunick at the stadium that will host the Euro 2008 soccer final. Tunick regularly stages such mass nude events. **REUTERS**

## Lebanon crisis worsens

At least 8 killed as Hezbollah increases pressure

Hezbollah gunmen battled supporters of the government yesterday on the fifth day of a campaign by the Iranian-backed group that has dealt a severe blow to Washington's allies in Lebanon.

The fighting in Alei, a town

in the mountains overlooking the capital, and nearby villages killed at least eight people.

Hezbollah, which is also backed by Syria, and its allies have in recent days routed pro-government gunmen in Beirut in Lebanon's worst civil strife since the 1975-1990 civil war.

The drive by Hezbollah to

### mediation

» The Arab League said yesterday it would send a high-profile mission to Beirut to help mediate an end to Lebanon's worst civil strife in 18 years.



Sister of 16-year-old Ziad Ghalayini, a supporter of the government who was killed during clashes, mourns during his funeral in Beirut yesterday.

take control of strategic locations has increased pressure on the governing coalition, supported by the United

States and Saudi Arabia, to accept the opposition's terms for ending 18 months of political conflict. **REUTERS**

## Tornadoes kill 22

Destruction seen across central, southeastern U.S.

Tornadoes killed at least 22 people and injured hundreds as they ripped through communities in the central and southeastern United States over the weekend.

Authorities said 14 people died in Missouri, six in Oklahoma and two in Georgia as the storms tracked a course from the border of Kansas

and Oklahoma Saturday into Georgia yesterday, destroying homes, overturning cars, blocking roads, downing power lines and uprooting trees.

Ten people died in Newton County, Missouri, on the border with Oklahoma, according to Susie Stonner of the Missouri Emergency Management Agency, adding that police had not ruled out finding more victims.

Hardest hit was Racine, a tiny community in Newton

County about 170 miles south of Kansas City.

The path of destruction was a mile wide in some places, said Jason Schumann, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Missouri.

"This looks like a very large tornado," he said. "We've got indications of cars that were thrown a quarter to a half mile, and frame homes that were swept off their foundations."

**REUTERS**

## Desperation growing in Myanmar

Desperate survivors of Cyclone Nargis headed out of Myanmar's Irrawaddy delta in search of food, water and medicine, but aid workers said yesterday that thousands will die if emergency supplies don't get through soon.

Buddhist temples and schools on the outskirts of the storm's trail of destruction are now makeshift



### France's plan

» France has suggested invoking a little-used "responsibility to protect" concept to deliver aid to Myanmar without government approval.

refugee centres.

The U.N. humanitarian agency said in a new assessment that between 1.2 million and 1.9 million were struggling to survive in the aftermath of the storm that struck

eight days ago.

While Myanmar's reclusive military government is accepting aid from the outside world, including the United Nations, it will not let in the foreign logistics teams. **REUTERS**

### » news

## In Brief

» **RACE** U.S. Democrat Barack Obama's campaign chief predicted yesterday his long battle against Hillary Clinton for the party's presidential nomination would soon be over, saying "we're coming to the end of the process." Interviewed on Fox News Sunday, David Axelrod said undecided superdelegates at the party convention who will decide the nomination were opting for Obama.

» **SERBIA** A coalition of pro-Western parties came first in Serbia's parliamentary election yesterday, but faced an immediate challenge from the nationalist runners-up who said they too could form a government. Independent monitors said the alliance led by the Democratic Party had won 39 per cent of the vote, ahead of the nationalist Radical Party which got 29 per cent. The rolling count by the state election commission put the Democrats at 36.7 per cent, the Radicals at 28.5 per cent.

» **PEACEKEEPERS** Zimbabwe's main opposition group said yesterday it had stepped up efforts to secure regional peacekeepers for a run-off presidential election against Robert Mugabe after weeks of violence that intimidated voters. **REUTERS**



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Wedding **Presidential party**

Harry Hager and U.S. President George W. Bush's daughter Jenna cut their cake following their wedding ceremony at Prairie Chapel Ranch near Crawford, Texas on Saturday.

»news **In Brief**

» **CUBA** With music, dancing and rum, Cubans celebrated on Friday the likely return of a record they consider rightfully theirs — the world's longest cigar. At just over 45 metres, the thick stogie stretched like a long brown snake through a room and out its front and back windows at El Morro, the old Spanish fort overlooking Havana Bay.

» **HOLLYWOOD** Dennis Farina,

a former policeman who built a Hollywood career playing detectives, was arrested Sunday at Los Angeles International Airport for carrying a loaded gun on his way to board a plane, police said. Police said in a statement that Farina, 64, said he forgot the gun was in his briefcase when he tried to pass through airport security.

REUTERS

**Tensions rise in Andes**

Venezuela accuses Colombia of provoking war

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez yesterday accused Colombia of seeking to provoke war, renewing regional tensions after a Colombian attack on a rebel camp in Ecuador sparked the worst Andes diplomatic crisis in a

decade.

The accusations could aggravate an Andean region schism between anti-U.S. leftists governments in Ecuador and Venezuela and rightist Colombian President Alvaro Uribe, a Washington ally whose country has received billions of dollars in U.S. aid.

Chavez's statements come just days after U.S. officials

« *The government of Colombia is capable of provoking a war with Venezuela to justify the intervention of the United States.* »

Venezuelan President

Hugo Chavez

renewed accusations that Chavez has aided Marxist rebels, based on files from

the laptop computer of a slain rebel commander.

"The government of Colombia is capable of provoking a war with Venezuela to justify the intervention of the United States," said Chavez, lambasting Uribe during his weekly Sunday broadcast as "liar" and leader of a "narco-government."

REUTERS

**Sudan cuts ties with Chad**

Rebel attack leads to fallout between governments

Sudan cut diplomatic relations with Chad yesterday after an attack on the capital Khartoum by Darfur rebels which it said was supported by Chadian President Idriss Deby.

Rebels from Darfur's Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) fought Sudanese troops in a suburb of Khartoum on Saturday, in what one senior

rebel commander called a bid for power.

"God willing we will take down Omar al-Bashir himself," Suleiman Sanda told Reuters early yesterday. But since then there has been no word from the rebels.

Officials said the last rebel forces had fled yesterday evening after bringing their battle to the capital for the first time in decades of conflict. Around 65 people were believed to have been killed in the clashes.

"These forces are all basi-

**leader arrested**

» **Sudan arrested Islamist opposition leader Hassan al-Turabi and at least four top members of his party on Monday after the attack on Khartoum by Darfur rebels historically linked to him, aides said.**

cally Chadian forces supported and prepared by Chad," President Omar Hassan al-Bashir said on state television.

REUTERS

**Drug czar's cousin caught**

Mexican police yesterday captured the cousin of the country's most wanted drug lord, Joaquin (Shorty) Guzman, after a shoot-out in the northwestern city of Culiacan, the blood-stained base of his Sinaloa cartel.

Police said they overpowered six suspected drug traffickers at a house in the Sinaloa state capital who had a huge arsenal of guns, including a grenade launcher and thousands of rounds of ammunition.

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Japan **Monkey on a diet**

KYOSHI OTA/REUTERS

An obese Rhesus monkey eats at Ohama park in Sakai, near Osaka, Japan, yesterday. Since June 2007, the park has cut down on the amount of food being fed to the monkeys from 10 kg per day to 2 kg because the monkeys have become overweight. The park also plans to build a fence to prevent visitors from throwing food to the monkeys, a park office worker said.



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- Multi-unit buildings (apartments and condos) would be taxed at a reduced rate.
- There would be an increase in support for lower-income families.
- The deed transfer tax would be eliminated.
- Assessment would remain on provincial services such as mandatory education.

The Tax Reform Committee will be holding the following Open Houses on municipal tax reform. One Open House will focus on commercial property taxation. Drop by, e-mail, call or write. We want to hear from you!

**Monday, May 12th**

St. Margaret's Centre, Tantallon 7-9 pm

**Wednesday, May 14th**

Halifax West High School, 7-9 pm

**Thursday, May 15th**

Musquodoboit Valley Education Centre, 7-9 pm

**Wednesday, May 21st**

Cole Harbour Place, 7-9 pm

**Thursday, May 22nd**

Lake Echo Community Centre, 7-9 pm

**Friday, May 23rd**

Westin Nova Scotian, 7:30 – 9:30 am

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**Monday, May 26th**

Dartmouth Sportsplex, Common Room, 7-9 pm

**Wednesday, May 28th**

St. Agnes Church Hall, Halifax, 7-9 pm

**Thursday, May 29th**

Bedford Lions Den, 7-9 pm

**Wednesday, June 4th**

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# business



Venezuela and China have agreed to build a refinery in China to process Venezuelan oil, advancing a push by President Hugo Chavez, left, to boost ties between the OPEC nation and one of the world's fastest-growing energy consumers. **REUTERS**

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## EnCana plans split

Move would create separate oil and natural gas firms



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» Investors will get one share in each new company for each EnCana share they have. The split is scheduled to be completed in early 2009.

EnCana Corp., Canada's biggest energy company, said yesterday it plans to split into two separate oil and natural gas firms in an effort to wring out more value with crude prices at record highs.

EnCana, a \$65 billion US gas and oilsands producer formed in a merger six years ago, said the move should

help investors better gauge the parts of its business and remove a discount it says it suffers in the stock market.

The new oil firm, worth about a third of the enterprise value, will operate Alberta oilsands and U.S. refining assets, which EnCana holds as part of a joint venture with ConocoPhillips.

It will also hang onto Canadian plains natural gas assets.

The natural gas firm will operate Canadian foothills and U.S. properties, located mainly in the Rocky Mountain states and Texas. It will be North America's second-largest natural gas producer, EnCana said. **REUTERS**

## »news In Brief



» **ONLINE** Yahoo investors who wanted to accept a Microsoft buyout are not seen as likely to try to out the board, and instead seem to be channelling their ire through lawsuits and a campaign to turn July's annual meeting into a vote of no-confidence, say analysts.

» **SEAPORT** Companies from China, Canada and Europe have expressed interest in investing in the building of a \$655 million US multi-purpose deep seaport in south Cameroon that will serve major mineral export

projects, the government said.

» **AIRWAYS** China established a company yesterday to build regional commercial jets, with an eye to eventually reducing the country's reliance on Boeing and Airbus for jumbo jets, official media said.

» **MEDIA** Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. has dropped its \$580-million US bid for Tribune Co.'s Newsday newspaper just days after Murdoch said a deal was imminent, leaving Cablevision as the likely winner of the daily. **REUTERS**

## Diageo



## Guinness-maker to build, cut jobs

**DUBLIN** British drinks maker Diageo will spend 520 million pounds (\$1 billion US) on a new brewery near Dublin, but Guinness fans in Britain and Ireland will still get their dark beer from the historic brewery in the heart of the Irish capital.

The London-based beer and spirits maker said on Friday it will renovate its central Dublin brewery at St James' Gate to supply these drinkers, but will close two smaller sites at Kilkenny and Dundalk by 2013 and cut its Irish brewery workforce by 250 from its current 450. **REUTERS**



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## sports



Captain Robert Petrovicky, left, and Team Slovakia avoided relegation at the world hockey championship on the weekend, sweeping Anze Kopitar-led Slovenia 2-0 at the Metro Centre in the best-of-three elimination series. METRO HALIFAX

# Canada ready for test

Game against Finland key measuring stick for team

By MATTHEW WUEST  
Metro Halifax

Canada's players have echoed a familiar refrain about "getting better every day" at the world hockey championship.

As the defending champions head into a pivotal match-up with Finland today at 4:30 p.m. at the Metro Centre in a rematch of last year's gold-medal game, they'll have to improve upon near perfection to follow through on their words.

Canada pounded Germany 10-1 in effortless fashion Saturday, dominating from the opening faceoff.

"We played the way that we'd like to but it doesn't matter," captain Shane Doan said. "We have to do it again, we have to play similar hockey, we have to stay out of the penalty box, and our power play has to be a little bit better."

Added Jamal Mayers: "You can never play a perfect game."

It's a battle of unbeaten teams today, and on the line is first place in Group F. In a nutshell, the winner earns the right to avoid the United States in Wednesday's quarter-finals.

Saturday was arguably Canada's most complete effort yet, as it had more goals than Germany had shots when it grabbed a 9-0 lead late in the second period. The star-studded squad is 5-0 this year, and has a 14-game winning streak at the event.

Eric Staal had four goals and an assist and his second line with Martin St. Louis and Derek Roy combined for 12 points to finally provide backup to Dany Heatley's top unit.

"The Canadians don't have any weaknesses and they've been flying by everybody," Finnish head coach Doug Shedden said. "It's a challenge for us to see how we stand up."

The Finns have three solid NHL lines featuring all-star calibre players in Teemu Selanne and Saku Koivu, but high-scoring Olli Jokinen won't play be-



Team Canada goaltender Pascal Leclaire stretches yesterday during practice for the IIHF World Championships in Halifax. Leclaire will start for Canada against Finland today.

cause of a suspension.

Minnesota Wild goalie Nicklas Backstrom has been steady behind a defence corps with just one NHLer.

"They've forged an identity very similar to (ours), so I'm curious and excited to see how we play against a team with that blend of youth and experience," Canada's head coach Ken Hitchcock said. "We've got the same thing going on here."

Finland is coming off a hard-fought 3-2 win over the U.S. last night and fatigue could be a factor.

This is the final game for Canada before the playoff round as the tournament ramps up. Only one Canadian game remains in Halifax after today — Wednesday's quarter-finals.

"The games are harder, the intensity and speed of the game is more upbeat," said former Halifax Mooseheads goaltender Pascal Leclaire, who will start for Canada today.

"We're excited the last part of the tournament is kicking off and we're starting to play the games that count."

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# Finns rally for win over U.S.

Jokinen earns 1-game suspension

By MATTHEW WUEST  
Metro Halifax

The trail of blood on the ice from Anssi Salmela's broken nose after the final horn sounded told the story.

Finland remained unbeaten with a hard-fought 3-2 victory over the United States last night at the Metro Centre in the nastiest game yet at the world hockey championship.

The teams combined for 202 penalty minutes, including three match penalties, a butt-ending major and double-minors for checks to the head and leaving the penalty box.

"I liked it," Finnish coach Doug Shedden said afterward. "There was some blood, some battles, guys are pissed off, and I like that. It's good."

Shedden added that Salmela's nose — broken in a game-ending fight with David Backes — is "on the other side of his face" but that "he needed to get ugly."

Salmela and Backes earn automatic one-game suspensions, as does Finnish star Olli Jokinen for a first-period check from behind. Additional discipline could follow.

The rough stuff overshadowed



Team USA forward Lee Stempniak battles with Finland goalie Niklas Backstrom yesterday at the IIHF World Championships in Halifax.

owed a strong effort from Finland, as it battled back from a 2-0 deficit in the third period.

Finnish blue-liner Ville Koistinen turned the tide with a 5-on-3 goal just 2:12 into the third. Anaheim Ducks star Teemu Selanne tied it at 10:44 and Minnesota Wild forward Mikko Koivu slammed home the winner with 3:50 left.

U.S. head coach John Tortorella said his team "didn't deserve to win that hockey game," but didn't let Russian referees Vyacheslav Bulanov and Alexander Poliakov off the hook, either.

"I've heard about these horror shows," he said of international officiating, "now, I've finally lived through one."

# Video judge sent home after phantom goal call

Finland benefits, while U.S. steamed

goal judge will "not be working for the rest of the tournament."

The goal turned the game around for Finland, as it rebounded from a 2-0 deficit in the third period to remain unbeaten.

Everyone involved, on both sides, was baffled.

"The guy upstairs, I'm not sure who it is, but he's got some major problems with his eyes," said American head coach John Tortorella. "He needs to see a doctor."

Added Team Finland head coach Doug Shedden: "You guys saw it, you know it didn't go in, but we'll take it."

—MATTHEW WUEST

## SCOREBOARD

### IIHF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### QUALIFYING GROUPS

GROUP E									
GP	W	L	OW	OL	GF	GA	PTS		
x-Russia	4	2	0	0	16	10	10		
x-Switzerland	4	3	1	0	13	10	9		
x-Sweden	5	3	2	0	23	16	9		
x-Czech Rep.	5	2	1	1	20	14	9		
Belarus	4	0	2	0	2	15	2		
Denmark	4	0	4	0	0	6	24	0	

#### GROUP F

GP	W	L	OW	OL	GF	GA	PTS		
x-CANADA	4	4	0	0	24	6	12		
x-Finland	4	3	0	1	13	6	11		
x-U.S.	4	2	2	0	10	12	6		
Norway	4	1	2	0	7	11	4		
Latvia	4	1	3	0	5	14	3		
Germany	4	0	4	0	8	24	0		

(Three points are given for a win, two for an overtime win and one for an overtime loss)  
(x — clinched quarter-final spot)

#### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

**AT HALIFAX**  
Latvia 4 Norway 1  
Finland 3 United States 2

**AT QUEBEC CITY**  
Switzerland 7 Denmark 2  
Sweden 5 Czech Republic 3

#### TODAY'S GAMES

**AT HALIFAX**  
United States vs. Norway, 12:30  
CANADA vs. Finland, 4:30

**AT QUEBEC CITY**  
Switzerland vs. Russia, 8:15  
CANADA vs. Denmark, 8

#### SATURDAY'S RESULTS

**AT HALIFAX**  
CANADA 10 Germany 1

**AT QUEBEC CITY**  
Czech Republic 3 Belarus 2 (SO)  
Russia 3 Sweden 2

#### FRIDAY'S RESULTS

**AT HALIFAX**  
Finland 2 Latvia 1

**AT QUEBEC CITY**  
Russia 4 Belarus 3 (SO)

#### BEST-OF-THREE RELEGATION ROUNDS

##### SLOVAKIA VS. SLOVENIA

**AT HALIFAX**  
Friday  
Slovakia 5 Slovenia 1

**Saturday**  
Slovakia 4 Slovenia 3 (SO)  
(Slovakia wins 2-0)

##### FRANCE VS. ITALY

**AT QUEBEC CITY**  
Friday  
France 3 Italy 2  
Saturday  
France 6 Italy 4  
(France wins 2-0)

#### SCORING LEADERS

GP	G	A	P
Heatley, Cda	5	7	4
Weinhandl, Swe	6	4	6
Kaberle, Cze	6	1	10
Elias, Cze	6	6	3
Martensson, Swe	6	4	5
Visnovsky, Svk	5	2	7
St. Louis, Cda	5	2	6
Staal, Cda	5	4	3
Kolnik, Svk	5	3	4
Nash, Cda	5	3	4
Semin, Rus	5	3	4
Marc. Hossa, Svk	5	2	5
Kane, US	5	2	5
Martin, US	5	0	7
Kotalik, Cze	6	5	1
Morozov, Rus	5	4	2
Oveschkin, Rus	5	4	2
Parise, US	5	4	2
Petrovicky, Svk	5	4	2



Ferrari's Felipe Massa, left, won the Formula One Turkish Grand Prix from pole position for the third year in a row yesterday after tire concerns slowed McLaren driver Lewis Hamilton's challenge.

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## »sports In Brief



- » **HOCKEY** The Gatineau Olympiques captured their record seventh Quebec Major Junior Hockey League title on Friday with a 7-3 win over the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies. The Olympiques won the best-of-seven final in five games. Claude Giroux, who had a league-best 51 points in 19 games, was named MVP.
- » **FOOTBALL** The East beat the West 25-12 in Canadian Interuniversity Sport football's sixth annual East-West Bowl in Hamilton, Ont., yesterday. James Michener of the Acadia Axemen kicked three field goals in the victory.
- » **BASKETBALL** The Dalhousie Tigers women's basketball team has added an all-Canadian to its roster for next season with the addition of P.E.I. Panthers guard Jenna Kaye. Kaye was third in

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## SCOREBOARD

## QMJHL PLAYOFFS

**CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**  
**ROUYN-NORANDA**  
**VS. GATINEAU**  
 Game 5 — Friday  
 Gatineau 7 Rouyn-Noranda 3  
 (Gatineau wins series 4-1)

## NHL

**CONFERENCE FINALS**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**PHILADELPHIA VS. PITTSBURGH**  
 Game 2 — Last night  
 Pittsburgh 4 Philadelphia 2  
 Game 3 — Tomorrow  
 Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 8:30  
 Game 4 — Thursday  
 Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 8:30  
 (Pittsburgh leads series 2-0)  
**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**DALLAS VS. DETROIT**  
 Game 3 — Tonight  
 Detroit at Dallas, 9  
 Game 4 — Wednesday  
 Detroit at Dallas, 9  
 (Detroit leads series 2-0)

## NBA

**CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**BOSTON VS. CLEVELAND**  
 Game 4 — Tonight  
 Boston at Cleveland, 9

Game 5 — Wednesday  
 Cleveland at Boston, TBA  
 (Boston leads series 2-1)

**DETROIT VS. ORLANDO**  
 Game 5 — Tomorrow  
 Orlando at Detroit, 8  
 \*Game 6 — Thursday  
 Detroit at Orlando, TBA  
 (Detroit leads series 3-1)

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

## L.A. LAKERS VS. UTAH

Game 4 — Yesterday  
 Utah 123 L.A. Lakers 115 (OT)  
 Game 5 — Wednesday  
 Utah at L.A. Lakers, TBA  
 Game 6 — Friday  
 (Series tied 2-2)

## NEW ORLEANS VS. SAN ANTONIO

Game 4 — Last night  
 San Antonio 100 New Orleans 80  
 Game 5 — Tomorrow  
 San Antonio at New Orleans, 10:30  
 (Series tied 2-2)  
 (\* — if necessary)

## MLB

## YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
 Kansas City 4 Baltimore 0  
 Tampa Bay 8 L.A. Angels 5  
 Oakland 12 Texas 6  
 Seattle 6 Chicago White Sox 3  
 N.Y. Yankees at Detroit — ppd., rain

Toronto at Cleveland — ppd., rain  
 Minnesota 9 Boston 8

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago Cubs 6 Arizona 4  
 Florida 5 Washington 4  
 Houston 8 L.A. Dodgers 5  
 Milwaukee 5 St. Louis 3  
 N.Y. Mets 8 Cincinnati 3  
 San Diego 6 Colorado 1  
 San Francisco 4 Philadelphia 3  
 Atlanta at Pittsburgh — ppd., rain

## TODAY'S GAMES

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
 Toronto at Cleveland, 5:05 (DH)  
 Boston at Minnesota, 8:05  
 N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 8:10  
 Seattle at Texas, 9:05  
 Chicago Sox at L.A. Angels, 11:05

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

Atlanta at Pittsburgh, 1:35  
 Washington at N.Y. Mets, 8:10  
 Florida at Cincinnati, 8:10  
 San Diego at Chicago Cubs, 9:05  
 St. Louis at Milwaukee, 9:05  
 Houston at San Francisco, 11:15

## LOTTERIES

Friday, May 9, 2008  
 Lotto Super 7 3, 14, 25, 35, 36, 38  
 & 43. Bonus 32.  
 Saturday, May 10, 2008  
 Lotto 6/49 13, 15, 17, 26, 34  
 & 48. Bonus 25.  
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## Penguins in command

Flyers fading fast as they lose Coburn to injury

## PENGUINS 4 FLYERS 2

Maxime Talbot scored the go-ahead goal 8:51 into the third period, as the Pittsburgh Penguins topped the Philadelphia Flyers 4-2 last night in Game 2 of the NHL Eastern Conference finals.

Talbot returned to the lineup after missing the last three games due to a broken right foot.

Cole Harbour's Sidney Crosby finished with a goal and an assist for the Penguins, who took a 2-0 series lead and can increase the advantage in the third contest, set for tomorrow night in Philadelphia. Marian Hossa and Jordan Staal also scored for the Penguins.

Sergei Gonchar finished with three assists, while Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 30 shots in the victory for Pittsburgh, which has won 15 consecutive home games and is a perfect 7-0 in the



BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Penguins captain Sidney Crosby puts the puck past Philadelphia Flyers goaltender Martin Biron on a goal that was later disallowed last night during the first period of Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals in Pittsburgh.

playoffs so far at Mellon Arena.

Jeff Carter scored and Mike Richards added a short-handed tally for the Flyers, who also lost Game 1 by a 4-2

score. Martin Biron faced 37 shots, and stopped 34 of them.

Philadelphia was already playing without star defence-man Kimmo Timonen, who is out for the entire series with

a blood clot, but also lost blue-liner Braydon Coburn less than two minutes into the game. He was hit in the face with a puck and did not return.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Jazz, Spurs even series

Utah let lead slip, but rebound in OT

The Utah Jazz held off the Los Angeles Lakers for a 123-115 overtime victory to tie up their NBA Western Conference semifinal series at 2-2 yesterday.

The Jazz, playing at home, gave up a 12-point lead in the final 4:21 of regulation, but led throughout overtime to beat the Lakers for a second successive game.

Deron Williams contributed 29 points and 14 assists for the Jazz. Mehmet Okur had 18 points and 11 rebounds and Andrei Kirilenko blocked five shots and scored 15 points.

Kobe Bryant, struggling with a back injury, led the Lakers with 33 points. Lamar Odom finished with 26 and Pau Gasol 23.

**Spurs 100 Hornets 80** — Tim Duncan had a dominant performance with 22



JOE MITCHELL/REUTERS

San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan is double teamed by New Orleans Hornets centre Tyler Chandler, left, and forward Bonzi Wells last night during NBA playoff action in San Antonio.

points, 15 rebounds and four blocked shots, as the Spurs throttled the New Orleans Hornets evening their Western Conference semifinal series after four games.

Tony Parker contributed 21 points, six rebounds and eight assists for San Antonio, which is 5-0 at home in this year's

playoffs. Chris Paul scored 23 for the Hornets, who shot 40.2 per cent from the field.

The Spurs have never won a playoff series when they lost the first two games of the set, but they're now even headed back to New Orleans for Game 5 tomorrow night.

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## golf

## Garcia ends skid with TPC victory

**PLAYOFF** Sergio Garcia won the biggest title of his career, and his first on the PGA Tour in three years, with a playoff victory over American Paul Goydos at the Players Championship yesterday in Florida.

"It's just a lot of hard work that is starting to pay off," a beaming Garcia said after the win.

## soccer

## Man United claim Premiership title

**CLINCHER** Manchester United retained the English Premier League title on Sunday when they won 2-0 at Wigan and Chelsea were held 1-1 at home by Bolton.

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## Saving trees with digital data

Survey indicates Canadians want to save paper

By **RAFAEL BRUSILOV**  
for Metro Halifax

A new study reveals the average working Canadian prints 30 pages of documents every day, of which 12 are thrown into the garbage.

The Leger Marketing study, produced in tandem with Recombo Paper Management Systems and Telus Corporation highlighted the need for waste paper management policies and digital document handling to reduce paper use in the workplace.

The study also showed that about half of Canadians

surveyed would gladly use digital documentation in order to reduce paper waste at their place of work.

Joe Pach, director of environment at Telus, says the company is committed to reducing paper through the introduction of paperless contracts for its business accounts, which use secure digital signatures and interactive menus to eschew the need for paper. The documents are protected by encryption and fully legally binding.

Pach explains that the initiative, called Telus Secure Contracts, is meant to reduce paper waste in high-volume businesses that tend to use the most

paper.

"The average company makes something like 19 copies of each customer-facing document. Having a virtual interface eliminates that need to move paper around — it's a way of dealing with contracts that is

secure, digital and does away with paper," Pach said.

A move to paperless documents is quietly making its way into the working world, though progress is still slow.

Several years ago, the law office of Behiel, Munkler & Will in Saskatchewan took 20,000 documents and files and scanned them into a digital format, letting the files be sent electronically and stored on hard drives instead of in filing cabinets. The company also converted many document processes, such as the filling of wills and land survey forms, to a digital format. Aaron Behiel, a partner at the firm, admits however that many people still end up asking for

paper copies of documents, though the initiative has been a success at saving paper overall.

Pach suggests the acceptance of paper-saving initiatives such as digital documentation is being fuelled at the grassroots level by employees themselves who want the companies they work for to be good corporate citizens. Luckily for businesses, saving paper saves money as well.

"Employees today feel guilty about wasting paper and are expecting their employers will take the lead on environmental conservation. You want to look at the cost savings as well — there are benefits beyond the environmental element," Pach said.

Pach says the move to digital documents also makes

*«The average company makes something like 19 copies of each customer-facing document. Having a virtual interface eliminates that need to move paper around — it's a way of dealing with contracts that is secure, digital and does away with paper.»*

Joe Pach

sense from a standpoint of efficiency.

"Who wants to stand at a printer watching bits of paper come out when they could be more efficiently engaged? We're in the business of moving ideas and information rather than people and paper," Pach said.



## You may pay the price for policy

Union employees rarely have access to the courts

**W**hen Air Canada learned that it had wrongly accused employee Troy Andrews of setting off a fake fire alarm at Pearson International Airport in Toronto, it did what many employers wouldn't have done: it apologized.

But Air Canada's apology fell on deaf ears. Claiming that he was mistreated during the course of the investigation into the incident, Andrews filed a grievance under the collective agreement, where an arbitrator ultimately dismissed his claims.

Presumably dissatisfied with the arbitrator's decision, Andrews struck again: this time he initiated a lawsuit in the Ontario Superior Court — suing Air Canada and its representatives for alleged wrongs they had committed during the ordeal.

In bringing a court ac-

tion, I suspect that Andrews was attracted to the perceived advantages of a lawsuit over a typical union grievance — the potential monetary recovery seemed greater, the news media would surely report his case and the judge would sympathize with his story, whereas the arbitrator may have got it wrong — or so he thought.

Rather than responding to the merits of Andrews' case, however, the defendants contested the jurisdiction of the judge, arguing that, as a unionized employee, Andrews had no right to sue in court.

Recently, the Ontario Court of Appeal agreed, ruling that the alleged dispute fell within the exclusive jurisdiction of an arbitrator appointed under the collective agree-

ment, rather than that of the courts.

Although courts have some limited discretion to entertain workplace disputes between unionized employees and their employer, these employees

generally must seek any redress through grievance procedures in their collective agreements, or through labour tribunals.

This approach is not

novel: since 1995, when the Supreme Court ruled that disputes arising under a collective agreement should only be resolved by labour arbitrators, unionized employees have been without the same access to the courts as their non-unionized peers.

Here is some advice for unionized employees seeking to bring their claims before the courts:



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» Approach jurisdictional issues realistically. With the preponderance of case law favouring an approach that limits access to courts, a lawsuit should be commenced only as a last resort or where unique circumstances are obvious.

» Review and exhaust available appeal routes promptly. Most collective agreements require grievances to be brought within strict time limits. Similarly, labour relations tribunals consistently turn away complaints that are brought in an untimely fashion.

» Obtain professional advice. It is not always a smart idea to launch an expensive lawsuit. The jurisdictional maze of the court system is particularly complex — and the appropriate procedural route will differ depending on the facts and circumstances of the case.

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# lifestyle



Marry Me, Halifax winners Tony Wood and Michelle LeBlanc are planning a dream wedding on Saturday at Casino Nova Scotia — and you, our readers, have been deciding the details. The voting is over, and everything's in place for the big day. This week, Lindsey Keilty sits down with the couple as they prepare to walk down the aisle.

## Creativity drives planner

Marry Me, Halifax wedding planner Mahogany Marcial says planning weddings and corporate events is her calling.

"I love the creativity that comes with the overall planning of the day — taking someone's vision and turning it into reality," she said. "I also enjoy the personal aspect to planning a wedding. It allows you to truly get to know your client and be able to make recommendations that reflect the couple."

And she's got the planning part down to a science.

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and who decides to register for your event."

It's a lot to keep track of. But Marcial says having excellent organizational skills and great patience are crucial to this line of work.

"You have to have major patience, and great self-control. It doesn't matter what goes wrong — you fix it, and keep things on schedule," she said.

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## At long last

Couple feels gratitude for dream wedding

By LINDSEY KEILTY  
for Metro Halifax

It's been a whirlwind three months for Michelle LeBlanc and Tony Wood.

Since winning the Marry Me, Halifax contest in February, the Amherst couple has been busy planning — travelling back and forth to Halifax to meet with vendors, pick the perfect outfits, select the flowers and design the ceremony.

Now, with less than a week until the big day, the couple is breathing a sigh of relief that their wedding is finally in place.

"I'm gonna need a long nap after the wedding," LeBlanc joked. "But it has all been so worth it."

The stage is set for the couple's May 17 wedding. Taking place in the elegant Compass Room at Casino Nova Scotia, no expense has been spared in making it a dream come true.

Marry Me, Halifax wedding planner Mahogany Marcial is thrilled with how the plans have come together.

"It was an exciting experience to be able to help someone have the wedding of their dreams," Marcial said. "Michelle and Tony are both truly appreciative for everything being given, and they were also a lot of fun to work with."

But planning a wedding with not just the input of the



After three months of planning, Michelle LeBlanc and Tony Wood's dream wedding is just around the corner.

bride and groom, but the input of an entire city, posed its own set of challenges.

"As a planner, it is generally the clients and myself who choose the vendors to suit their style and budget," Marcial explained. "In this situation, the most challenging part would have been balancing Tony and Michelle's wants with the wants of the public. We're lucky that Tony and Michelle are easy going people!"

Marcial made a surprising discovery about the public as she watched the votes roll in.

"Halifax is very traditional city," she said. "I was surprised that the readers tended to all choose traditional items over the more contemporary."

For LeBlanc, balancing a busy life with a 13-year-old and a one-year-old is hectic enough, so she was happy to leave the choices up to the public.

"Having other people make the decisions for us was awesome for me," she said. "And it's unique because everyone had a part in making our dream to be married become a reality."

Wood's touching account

of his bride-to-be's battle with cancer and the couple's triumph over adversity captured the hearts of readers, who gave them the win with 38 per cent of 6,000 votes cast. The couple was initially set to wed on July 7, 2007, but due to LeBlanc's treatment and recovery, they were forced call it off.

So, LeBlanc and Wood have done more than their share of waiting for their wedding day.

"Sometimes good luck can come from bad luck, and in our situation, that's what happened," Wood said.

"Through this whole experience, Tony's proven once again that he is the one for me," LeBlanc said.

"I'm just looking forward to getting married," Wood said. "We've been waiting a little longer than we had expected, so it makes it more exciting."

"We've met a lot of people through this contest and they were all so good to us," LeBlanc said. "We've also received so much support from family, friends and people we've never even met. I can't tell you how much that has meant to us."

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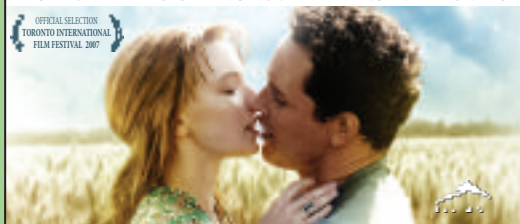
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## Last week's results

Last week, readers voted for one of three options from the Besame line for Michelle's wedding night ensemble, all provided by ModaColombia.

The overwhelming favourite, with 75 per cent of the vote, was the white

baby-doll top with lace and a tie-up thong, accented with a white garter.

For more about Marry Me, Halifax, and to see previous results from readers' votes, visit [www.metronews.ca/halifax](http://www.metronews.ca/halifax).

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# entertainment



The Victoria Times Colonist reports that Mount Uniacke-born musician Buck 65, left, had nearly 100 hours of video footage and \$5,000 worth of audio and video equipment stolen after a gig in the city.

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## Solo dancer bows out

Tedd Robinson to end career with Live Art shows

By DEAN LISK  
Metro Halifax

It will be a rather serendipitous moment for Tedd Robinson when he performs in Halifax later this week.

It was the founder of locally-based Live Art Dance, the late Diane Moore, who commissioned Robinson's first solo work more than two decades ago. Now, the dancer will end his solo career with three Live Art shows at the Sir James Dunn Theatre later this week.

"I didn't know exactly what I would do, but I felt I wanted to develop my craft more and take a good look at things," he said. "That opportunity opened up a sense of confidence."



Tedd Robinson plans to end his solo dance career with three performances in Halifax later this week.

The dance guru — and former Zen monk — is finishing his solo career with REDD, the final part in a dance trilogy. The dance is split into three segments, and features Robinson pulling on elements from his life. The project developed after the Ottawa-based chore-

ographer bought a farm on the north side of the Ottawa River west of the capital. He worked on the dance in a barn he turned into a studio space.

"I talk about my neighbours, some of the things that have happened here, some of my thoughts on living alone

in the country."

Robinson used this as the first section of the piece. For the other parts, he reflected on the role of Buddhism in his life — which he refers to as his silent partner. "Having spent time in fairly deep practice, it can't help but change the way

### more info

» What: Live Art Dance presents Tedd Robinson's REDD  
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you see things, and how you do things," he said.

The dancer — who left the monastery in 2000 — says creating solo pieces has been part of his religious teaching, and his effort to feel more connected with himself and the world around him.

"It is personal, but it is mostly simple, and allows me to speak personally about the time spent making this solo, and a little about me stopping performing," Robinson said. "I am not absolutely stopping, but I am stopping this trilogy and doing solo work."

### cast your vote

#### Short Film Faceoff enters final period

**FESTIVAL** CBC Television and the Atlantic Film Festival are wrapping up their Short Film Faceoff this Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The final episode will see four films vying for the best short title, selected by the audience.

Voting will be open for 48 hours after the show is over, and the winner will be announced on May 21. You can vote online at [aliant.net/faceoff](http://aliant.net/faceoff).

### national tour

#### Jon McKiel takes show on the road

**MUSIC** Halifax-based pop artist Jon McKiel is going on a national tour in support of his latest release, *The Nature Of Things*. The nine-city tour will start at The Marquee Club on June 5, and will end in Saskatoon on July 4.

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### » news

#### In Brief



» **WINE** Nova Scotia will play host to the 2008 Atlantic Canada Wine Symposium June 8-10. The seminar will include information on cool climate wine growing, grape genetics and more. For details visit [winesns.com](http://winesns.com).

» **AUDITIONS** Neptune Theatre is holding auditions on May 23 and 24 for its Pre-Professional Training Program. The eight-month program is open to serious theatre artists. More information is available at [neptune theatre.com](http://neptune theatre.com).

» **BOOKS** The Atlantic Book Awards will be handed out at Alderney Landing tonight. A full list of nominees is available at [writers.ns.ca](http://writers.ns.ca).

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## Ready to go at a moment's notice

By DEAN LISK  
Metro Halifax

They're an essential part of any musical — helping to ensure the show goes on — but sometimes they never get to take their bow.

"The hardest part is sitting backstage during the show when I don't get to go on," Caitlin Goguen said. "You see the energy of all the other performers, and you feel like you want to be doing that."

The 24-year-old graduate

of Sheridan College is the swing in Neptune Theatre's production of *The Producer's A New Mel Brooks Musical*.

As the swing, Goguen is expected to cover a variety of roles for her fellow female cast mates, who might not be able to perform because they are injured or sick, or need to take a personal day.

In Goguen's case, she learned all the choreography, harmony and scenes for all the female roles — from a singing Granny to Shirley, a

### more info

» Neptune Theatre's *The Producers: A New Mel Brooks Musical* continues through June 1. Tickets are still available. Call 429-7070 or visit [neptune theatre.com](http://neptune theatre.com).

lesbian lighting designer. The only role she doesn't fill in for is Ulla, the main female part.

"On opening night, I watched the show, and you do feel a bit removed sometimes," she said. "I do still feel like I am part of the show be-

cause we do have a great cast, but you are a different part of the show."

While being the swing does offer performers the chance to shine in a variety of different roles, some never get the opportunity to appear in front of an actual audience.

Last Tuesday, Goguen got her call after a fellow cast member was unable to go on.

"It was great, you get to learn how prepared you really are," she said. "I felt great; I was excited to be out there."



Caitlin Goguen is the swing, filling in roles as needed, in Neptune Theatre's *The Producers*.

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Former Beatle Paul McCartney and his estranged wife Heather Mills are scheduled to return to London's High Court today for their divorce to be formally finalized.

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### box office

» Following are the Top 10 films at the North American box office for the three-day weekend beginning May 9, according to studio estimates compiled yesterday:

1. **Iron Man**, \$50.5 million US
2. **Speed Racer**, \$20.2 million
3. **What Happens in Vegas**, \$20 million
4. **Made Of Honor**, \$7.60 million
5. **Baby Mama**, \$5.77 million
6. **Forgetting Sarah Marshall**, \$3.78 million
7. **Harold And Kumar: Escape From Guantanamo Bay**, \$3.16 million
8. **The Forbidden Kingdom**, \$1.90 million
9. **Nim's Island**, \$1.33 million
10. **Redbelt**, \$1.14 million

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Iron Man

# Hogan's son sentenced

Gets eight months in jail for car crash that injured friend

The son of wrestler and reality TV star Hulk Hogan was sentenced to eight months in jail on Friday for causing a car crash that seriously injured his passenger.

Nick Bollea, 17, pleaded no contest to a charge of reckless driving with serious bodily harm before he was sentenced by Pinellas County Judge Phillip Federico.

Bollea crashed his car into a tree in Clearwater, Fla., on Aug. 26 last year. Police said he was speeding and racing another car.

Bollea's passenger and friend, John Graziano, 22, suffered severe head injuries and remains in a semicon-



Nick Bollea, right, talks with his attorney during a court hearing Friday in Clearwater, Fla. Hogan pleaded no contest to a car accident that injured his passenger, John Graziano.

scious state in a hospital.

"I think there has to be some punishment," Federico said at the hearing. He also sentenced Bollea to five years probation and 500 hours of community service and suspended his driver's licence for three years.

Graziano's parents asked that Bollea be sentenced to some jail time. They said their son would need medical care for the rest of his life and are suing Hogan and Bollea for millions of dollars in damages.

Hogan, whose real name is

Terry Bollea, defended his son. "Nick is a good person. He's kind, gentle and compassionate," he told the judge.

Nick Bollea apologized to Graziano's family and his own. "I pray for John every day. I'm terribly sorry," he said.

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### » news In Brief

» **ONLINE** NBC is launching a Facebook application based on its American Gladiators series. The Official American Gladiator Challenge will present interactive games based on the show's competitions.

» **PEOPLE** Actor Dennis Farina was arrested yesterday at Los Angeles International Airport for carrying a loaded gun, police said. Farina, 64, told police he brought the .22 caliber, semi-automatic pistol with him on a drive from Arizona to Los Angeles and forgot it was in his briefcase, police said. He was scheduled to fly to his home in Chicago. Farina was booked on one misdemeanor count of carrying a loaded firearm, and his bail was set at \$25,000 US.

» **PEOPLE** Singer Michael Jackson said yesterday a foreclosure sale on his Neverland Ranch property in California has been cancelled by Colony Capital LLC, which acquired the loan on the ranch from Fortress Investment Group and is negotiating a deal.

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# Mid-century modern's hot

Shag accents, retro accessories seriously hip

If you like your interiors a little funky, then sit back, put your Austin Powers DVD on the telly and prepare for shag-tastic inspiration! Or read on!

Yup, today, we're all about the '60s and the '70s and we've got great advice if you want to go retro. And forget about spending a fortune — with a C and J scheme you always get loads of bang for your buck...

» Set your backdrop. Retro has loads of visual punch so paint walls a bright shade; fresh white latex is a great starting point and will 'open up' even the

smallest space.

» Keep window dressing unfussy. Try simple white sheers and add 'pops' of colour with rollers. If you want to shell out on gorgeous funky investment blinds try Hunter Douglas ([hunterdouglas.com](http://hunterdouglas.com)) or visit Ikea for more affordable choices.

» Less is more. On this week's show, rather than be too literal and floor everything — wall to wall — in shag, we used white Karndean flexible 'planks' (visit [karndean.ca](http://karndean.ca) for a free CD planning pack) to create a warm heaven for the tootsies. And to add texture? We added shag area rugs from Dominion ([dominionrugs.com](http://dominionrugs.com)) Gorgeous!

» 'Low slung' rules! Choose



## COLIN & JUSTIN'S INTERIOR DIVINE

Danish sideboards, teak coffee tables and even quirky beanbags!

The 1960's was all about serviceability and ease of maintenance so upholstery fabrics were often wipe-clean vinyl or leather. Popular was a primary palette of red blue and yellow but, to mix it up a little, we took this week's scheme in a slightly different direction.

Instead of 'bright' upholstery we used a rich chocolate brown leather

sectional from The Bay and brought it to life with zesty Hermes orange woollen cushions and throws. Remember — it's all in the mix.

Tip: 'Period' artwork doesn't need to cost a fortune. When cash is tight, a little creative thinking saves a fortune. To add a seriously original statement we bought a dozen clip frames from a dollar store, inserted orange card in some and brown in others then positioned circles of orange or brown card on their opposing colour bases. Arranged in a regimented line they look awesome and are reminiscent of statement wallpapers from the '60s!

Hit garage and yard sales and be amazed at some of



For a retro look, think 'low slung': Try quirky beanbags.

the brightly coloured ceramics and glass wares that can be snapped up for just a few dollars each.

But you'd better be fast — 'Mid-Century Modern' is becoming seriously hip. In the words of Austin Powers: It's 'Groovy, baby!'

And in the words of

Colin and Justin? It's 'Pricier, baby ... by the minute!' So get shopping ... while there are still some bargains to be had!

HGTV hosts Colin and Justin continue their mission of beautification with their Canadian design series *Colin & Justin's Home Show*, airing Tuesday at 11 p.m., and Saturday at 4 p.m. ET on HGTV ([www.hgtv.ca](http://www.hgtv.ca)).

## metro TOP 5

### TV theme songs, part II:

1. Hawaii Five-O
2. The Jeffersons
3. SWAT
4. Barney Miller
5. Rawhide

— Rick McGinnis  
/for Metro Halifax

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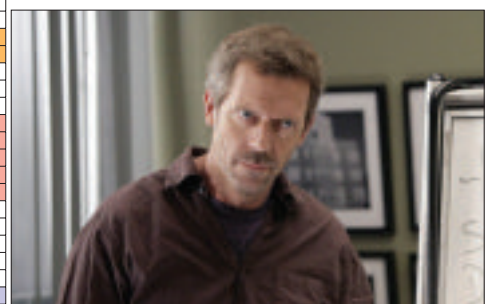
» **GAME SHOW** Youth-oriented cable television network MTV said Friday it will air a new reality game show called *The Phone* to be executive-produced by pop star Justin Timberlake. Contestants who answer hidden cellphones will have five seconds to decide if they want to play along for a cash prize, and a guide then gives contestants a mission to complete.

REUTERS

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	40	40	40	SLICE	Three Takes	Stargate SG-1	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Blood Ties	
	47	47	47	SPACE	The Sentinel	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	Today You Die (2005, Action)			
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## critics' corner

**House** This show always goes out with a bang — sometimes literally, as in the second-season finale in which House (Hugh Laurie) was shot. In the opener of this gripping two-part season ender, he loses a big chunk of his memory due to a bus accident. He has a lingering feeling that someone else on the bus was deathly ill, but he can't remember the details. Robert Sean Leonard also stars in "House's Head." 10 PM on CJCH FOX



**CSI: Miami** Uh-oh! Caine (David Caruso) and his colleagues face a huge threat to their future in this new episode. A private investigator (guest star Tom Sizemore) has grown a grudge against the CSI team and is making it his mission to destroy it. Will he succeed? Unlikely, as the show will be back next season, but it's fun to watch him try. Emily Procter, Adam Rodriguez and Khandi Alexander also star in "Down to the Wire." 8 PM on CJCH; 11 PM on CBS

**American Gladiators** Are you ready for some Hang Tough? The popular competition show from the mid-1990s is reincarnated in this new version, which returns with a two-hour second-season premiere. Ordinary people are pitted against the show's "gladiators" — action stars and stunt artists — in a variety of strength and endurance contests that fans will remember from the original show, only with a 21st-century twist. 9 PM on NBC

**Samantha Who?** As the old song says, breaking up is hard to do, but Sam (Christina Applegate) is wishing it were a little easier. She's putting things on hold with Todd (Barry Watson) until he's finally free of Chloe (Kiele Sanchez) — who, Sam suspects, is lying about a sick relative to forestall the breakup. Birthday party plans for Sam have Regina and Andrea (Jean Smart, Jennifer Esposito) at odds in the season finale, "The Birthday." 10:32 PM on ABC ASN

# celebritybuzz



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## Liv 'great' after separation

Actress Liv Tyler is bouncing back from her separation from rocker husband Royston Langdon according to her dad, [usmagazine.com](http://usmagazine.com) reports.

"Liv is doing great," Aerosmith's Steven Tyler said.

The couple have a three-year-old son, Milo.

"They remain good friends and devoted parents to their son Milo and are requesting that their family's privacy be respected at this time," the rep said late last week.

Tyler, 30, married the Arckid rocker, 36, in 2003.

A source reportedly overheard the actress seeking advice from a lawyer on the phone.

Tyler, who said in 2004, "I don't believe in divorce," told *Us* magazine in February she had forgotten about Valentine's Day.

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## Lindsay stole my clothes: Model

Lindsay Lohan's enemies are coming out of hiding in the wake of her fur-coat controversy — and now a model is rehashing her claims that Lohan stole her clothing, as well, [People.com](http://People.com) reports.

The same week a Columbia University student insisted Lohan swiped her \$11,000 US blond mink coat in New York City earlier this year, model Lauren Hastings says on the buzznet.com website that the actress lifted thousands of dollars worth of items from her closet, *Inside Edition* reports.

"Basically, I have two closets, a lot of the stuff was missing out of one and the next closet was almost completely empty," Hastings says on a video featured on the buzznet site, claiming her things disappeared during an unauthorized late-night party tossed by her housesitter.

Citing five witnesses, Hastings, 23, also alleges, "They all said they saw Lindsay Lohan basically in my closet, handing a bag of clothes to her bodyguard."

In an e-mail to *People*, Lohan's rep responds: "This is all not true. It's not what it seems."

Police reportedly searched for the missing items, but they were not recovered.

According to documents that *Inside Edition* obtained from the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office, Hastings did report the theft of clothing, but the DA's office pressed no charges against Lohan, due to insufficient evidence.

"I contacted Lindsay and said, 'Look, I know you stole my clothes.' She then said I was completely delusional, I was pathetic," Hastings said.

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## Miley too busy for boyfriend

Singer/actress Miley Cyrus is too busy to have a serious boyfriend, and insists her life in the spotlight is "too much to handle" for any potential suitors, [femalefirst.co.uk](http://femalefirst.co.uk) reports.

The 15-year-old, who has been linked to fellow teen singer Nick Jonas, the youngest of the Jonas Brothers, admits her hectic lifestyle has ruined any chance of a love life right now, although she prefers to be the elusive girl "no one can get."

"I think I'm too much to handle right now," Cyrus says. "There's so much going on in my life at the moment with travelling and there's always cameras following me, all that kind of stuff. I don't think it's great for dating anyone. There are guys I like to hang out with, but I like to be the girl who no one can get. I think that's always hotter anyway."

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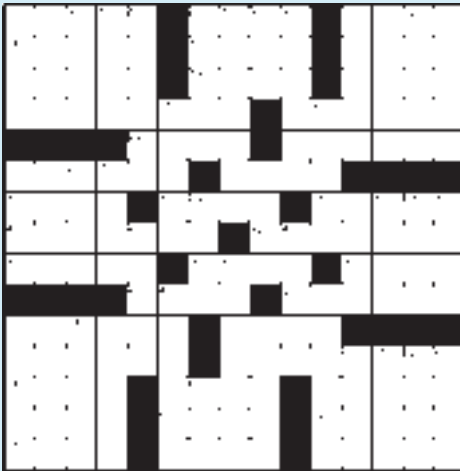
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6 Complain  
10 Empire builder  
14 Ricoh competitor  
15 Army outfit  
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17 Lacking effectiveness  
18 Pantyhose shade  
19 Writer — Morrison  
20 Conscience  
22 Salespeople  
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25 Gentle touch
- 28 Think up  
30 Projecting part  
32 Epochs  
33 Trick  
35 Pierce whales  
40 Loses  
42 Land  
44 Four duos  
45 Is, in Madrid  
47 Like larkspur  
48 Raison d'—  
50 Plays  
52 Materialize  
56 First-magnitude

## down»

- 1 Poles' connector  
2 What's cooking  
3 Get ready  
4 Easy gait  
5 Perks  
6 Tierra del —  
7 Opens the wine  
8 Boot-camp sentence ender  
9 Wall finishing  
10 Livy's parent  
11 Cherish  
12 Tugs hard  
13 Not quite right  
21 Common abrasive  
23 Toil  
26 Showroom deal  
27 Ambler or Clapton  
28 Huge  
29 Castaway's refuge  
31 Organized
- 34 Exploiter  
36 "Fancy" singer  
37 Serene  
38 Water, in Baja  
39 Gets a load of  
41 Elite squad (hyph.)  
43 Sponge  
46 A number  
49 Rendezvous  
51 Torah reciters  
52 Buzzing about  
53 Passport requirement  
54 — up (spoke)  
55 Arab princes  
57 Mrs. Steve Lawrence  
60 Make a mad dash  
61 Dutra of golf  
62 Hardships  
63 Ticked off  
66 Just as I thought!

## previous answer



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—Terry Stitts—

A 6-ft.-long metal rod supports a 300-lb. weight on one end and a 150-lb. weight on the other. Where should the fulcrum be placed to balance the weight perfectly?

**PREVIOUS ANSWER**

There are four ways to solve this problem. If you want to know how to solve this problem, see the answer key on page 19.

1. 2 ft. from the 300-lb. end  
2. 4 ft. from the 300-lb. end  
3. 6 ft. from the 300-lb. end  
4. 8 ft. from the 300-lb. end

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## instructions»

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

## solve time»

Under 13 minutes  
13-17 minutes  
17-21  
21-25  
More than 25

Genius  
Scholar  
Smart  
Pretty good  
Keep practising

## previous answer

8	7	6	1	9	3	5	2	4
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## HOROSCOPE



**ARIES** | March 21-April 20

Be ready to hear some sordid details. A romantic prospect is lost, and will ask for help. A dramatic woman will get in over her head.



**TAURUS** | April 21-May 21

A nuisance will cause some foolishness. A ghastly gathering will go off the deep end. Resist the desire to stay in a bad situation.



**GEMINI** | May 22-June 21

A comedian demands to have a private place. An official suggests a career shift. A supporter is a true friend to you.



**CANCER** | June 22-July 22

A thriving playmate will back you up. A wonderful job offer will come from a nearsighted person. Being well-informed is essential now.



**LEO** | July 23-Aug. 23

A unique situation will have unexpected benefits. Take care of someone who is worn out. An issue will be resolved to your satisfaction.



**VRGO** | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Don't hide from an offer of love. If you get something wrong, admit that you need help. A noteworthy woman has some rotten news.



**LIBRA** | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

A baffling statement will cause you to chuckle. Someone will bluster for the sake of love. Material goods should be chosen for comfort.



**SCORPIO** | Oct. 24-Nov. 22

A drawling friend will have an important message. An intimate chat will blow your mind. A challenge to authority will embarrass you.



**SAGITTARIUS** | Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Go out with an awkward friend for a good time. You amaze people with your courage. A lunatic is finally seen to be amusing.



**CAPRICORN** | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

A tantalizing woman is casting a spell. Freedom will come when you stand up to a liar. A lucky woman will start purring gratefully.



**AQUARIUS** | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

A forceful person will bother someone else. Your treatment of a friend will be taken into account. Go slowly with a new love.



**PISCES** | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Don't be caught in a position of weakness. You're capable of self-healing. A scary event will be seen in a positive light. AVATAR VENUS

## This Day IN HISTORY

**May 12, 1870:** The Manitoba Act was given the royal assent, paving the way for Manitoba to become a province of Canada on July 15.

Canadian government, comes to an end with a decisive rebel defeat.

**May 12, 1958:** A formal North American Aerospace Defense Command agreement is signed between the United States and Canada.

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**May 12, 1885:** The four-day Battle of Batoche, pitting rebel Métis against the

## Halifax weather



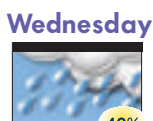
**Sunny.**  
12°



**Variable.**  
4°



**Partly sunny.**  
10° / 6°



**Showers.**  
11° / 5°



**Rain.**  
8° / 6°

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**Temperature**  
Normals  
High: 12°  
Low: 4.1°

**Records**  
High: 22.8°/1944  
Low: 0°/1963

Sunrise: 5:49 a.m.  
Sunset: 8:32 p.m.  
Moonset: 2:30 a.m.  
Moonrise: 1:07 p.m.

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